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SUBJECT: DUTCH ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH GROUP DESIRES VISIT TO EPA

1. NATIONAL STEERING GROUP FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH (LASOM) DESIRES TO VISIT EPA IN WASHINGTON IN EARLY SEPTEMBER AS PART OF A PROGRAM OF VISITS TO MAJOR COUNTRIES TO DISCUSS INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH. LASOM WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1974 BY GON AS AN ADVISORY BODY SUPERVISED BY MINISTRIES OF SCIENCE AND OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT AND COORDINATED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH (RW); INSTITUTE FOR APPLIED SCIENCE (TNO), CENTRAL PLANNING AGENCY (CPB), ACADEMY OF SCIENCE, NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, SOCIAL SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL, AND DUTCH STATE MINES (DSM). TOTAL OUTLAYS FOR RESEARCH INTEGRATED THROUGH LASOM FRAMEWORK ARE ESTIMATED AT 200 MILLION GUILDERS ANNUALLY (US\$1 EQUALS DFL 2.22).

2. LASOM IS TASKED WITH INFORMULATION OF A NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH FOCUSING ON CHANGES IN THE ENVIRONMENT (BIOSPHERE) ON THE ONE HAND AND MAN'S RELATIONSHIP TO AND INTERACTION WITH BIOSPHERE ON THE OTHER. AS INITIAL STEP, LASOM ANNOUNCED THE ESTABLISHMENT
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OF A SOCIOLOGICAL, ECOLOGICAL, AND TOXICOLOGICAL RESEARCH PROJECT TO IDENTIFY AND EVALUATE CAUSES AND IMPACT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES (SEM PROJECT). IN 1976 LASOM PUBLISHED FIRST INTERIM REPORT FOLLOWED BY A REPORT SPELLING OUT SEM IN DETAIL WITH PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION. THESE REPORTS (THREE VOLUMES IN DUTCH) ARE BEING AIR-POUCHED JULY 24 EPA FOR BLUM (REGISTRY NUMBER 2049464).

3. LASOM PLANS VISITS TO MAJOR EC COUNTRIES (FRG, FRANCE, UK), SWEDEN, AND US TO COMPARE EXPERIENCE IN THESE COUNTRIES WITH DUTCH EXPERIENCE. DUTCH WISH TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE INTEGRATION OF NATIONAL EFFORTS COMPARABLE WITH NATO, CCMS RESEARCH PROGRAM) TO AVOID WASTEFUL DUPLICATION AMONG COUNTRIES. EMBASSY HAS BEEN ASKED BY LASOM TO ASSIST IN ARRANGING VISIT TO EPA TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND DISCUSS SUCH QUESTIONS AS FOLLOWING: (1) DOES US HAVE COORDINATED ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH PROGRAM AT FEDERAL LEVEL AND WHAT IS EPA ROLE? (2) THROUGH WHAT MECHANISMS ARE US ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH PROGRAMS AT ALL LEVELS COORDINATED? (3) WHAT ARE THE POSSIBILITIES FOR US PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH?

4. LASOM SUGGESTS FIRST OR SECOND WEEK IN SEPTEMBER AS POSSIBLE TIME FOR VISIT. LASOM WOULD BE REPRESENTED BY (1) DR. J. SPAANDER, DIRECTOR GENERAL, GOVERNMENT INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH (RIV), (2) MR. J LUBACH, SECRETARY OF LASOM.

5. EMBASSY BELIEVES PROPOSED VISIT FULLY MERITS USG SUPPORT.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER EPA IS PREPARED TO RECEIVE PROPOSED VISIT AND, IF SO, PREFERRED TIME
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